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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: CAMP DAVID SUMMIT

1. JORDANIAN PRESS SEPTEMBER 10 CONTINUES TO HIGHLIGHT  
AND COMMENT ON CAMP DAVID TALKS. ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY  
AR-RA'Y FRONTPAGES UNDER BANNER HEADLINES FOURTH DAY OF  
TALKS. QUOTING NEWS AGENCIES THE PAPER SAYS: WHITE HOUSE  
WARNS AGAINST TOO MUCH OPTIMISM DESPITE PROGRESS ON A  
NUMBER OF ISSUES. CONFEREES DISCUSS SITUATION IN LEBANON  
AND IRAN. IN A SPECIAL DISPATCH FROM CAIRO, THE PAPER  
SAYS THAT EGYPTIAN INFORMATION DELEGATION AT CAMP DAVID IS  
PESSIMISTIC DUE TO WIDE GAP BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN  
POSITIONS.

2. COMMENTING EDITORIALY ON THE TALKS, AR-RA'Y SAYS  
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ALTHOUGH IT IS PREMATURE TO PREDICT RESULTS OF TRIPARTITE  
CONFERENCE, THE FACT REMAINS THAT ISRAELI POSITION VIS-A-  
VIS A NUMBER OF CRUCIAL ISSUES HAS NOT CHANGED. THE PAPER  
ADDS THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION SHARES THIS PESSIMISM;  
THE U.S. ANNOUNCED BEFORE THE OUTSET OF THE TALKS THAT ONE  
SHOULD NOT EXPECT PEACE TO BE ACHIEVED DURING THE TALKS;  
SINCE THE CONFERENCE IS SHROUDED IN SECRECY, THE WRITER

FEARS THAT A SECRET AGREEMENT MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN REACHED. THE QUESTION TO ASK, THE EDITORIAL ADDS, IS WHETHER THE CONFERENCE WILL TRULY SUCCEED AND WHETHER THIS SUCCESS WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE JUST ARAB DEMANDS. THE PAPER CONCLUDES THAT ONLY THE U.S. CAN ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS; THE U.S. MUST COMMIT ITSELF TO ITS RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THIS REGION AND THE WORLD. IT MUST CLARIFY ITS POSITION AND ANNOUNCE WHICH SIDE IT SUPPORTS. WITHOUT THIS, THE PAPER CONCLUDES, WE CANNOT BE ASSURED WHAT GOES ON AT THE SUMMIT.

3. ARABIC DAILY AD-DUSTUR FRONTPAGES A SPECIAL DISPATCH FROM THURMONT, MARYLAND BY ITS SENIOR EDITOR IBRAHIM ABU NAB AND BY REUTERS CORRESPONDENT ROY GUTMAN; BOTH REPORT THAT SLIGHT PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BUT BASIC DIFFERENCES REMAIN TO BE SETTLED. PRESIDENT CARTER IS EXERTING PRESSURE FOR A FRAMEWORK OF PRINCIPLES TO BE BASIS FOR COMPREHENSIVE TALKS. CARTER WEARS YARMULKA AND ATTENDS SABBATH PRAYER WITH BEGIN. IN ANOTHER DISPATCH BY THE PAPER'S RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT ADNAN AL-KHATIB FROM NEW YORK, THE PAPER REPORTS THAT CARTER HAS ASKED HIS AIDES TO LOOK FOR EXCUSES TO JUSTIFY FAILURE, IN CASE SUMMIT COLLAPSES. THE PAPER PUBLISHES ON FRONTPAGE AND UNDER BANNER HEADLINES AN INTERVIEW WHICH REUTERS CORRESPONDENT CONDUCTED WITH MAYOR OF RAMALLAH KARIM KHALAF AND ARAB JOURNALIST RAYMONDA TAWIL ON THEIR VIEWS ABOUT CURRENT

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TALKS AT CAMP DAVID. MAYOR OF RAMALLAH EXPECTS CONFERENCE TO FAIL WHILE THE PALESTINIAN JOURNALIST CALLS FOR A COM-PROMISE SETTLEMENT.

4. ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AL-AKHBAR FRONTPAGES UNDER BANNER HEADLINES A DISPATCH BY JORDAN TELEVISION CORRESPONDENT AT THURMONT ADIL MALIK AND NEWS AGENCIES THAT SADAT HAS AGREED TO ISRAELI BASES IN SINAI, THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. DESPITE INFORMATION BLACKOUT THEY REPORT PROGRESS AT CONFERENCE, BUT NOTE THAT DIFFERENCES ON CRUCIAL ISSUES REMAIN TO BE IRONED OUT. COMMENTING EDITORIALY ON ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION OF THE ARAB TERRITORIES, AL-AKHBAR SAYS THAT THOSE WHO BELIEVE OBSTACLES TO PEACE PROCESS CAN BE REMOVED BY EQUATING VICTIM AND AGGRESSOR AND BY CALLING ON TWO PARTIES TO BE MODERATE ARE FOOLING THEMSELVES. THESE PEOPLE, THE PAPER ADDS, ARE DECEIVING THEMSELVES IF THEY BELIEVE THAT A SETTLEMENT OF THIS SORT CAN BE ACHIEVED, FOR THIS KIND OF SETTLEMENT WILL BE A PRELUDE TO NEW WARS AND NOT TO A PERMANENT PEACE.

5. ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY JORDAN TIMES HIGHLIGHTS UNDER BANNER HEADLINES REPORTS BY NEWS AGENCIES ON PROGRESS OF

TRIPARTITE TALKS AT CAMP DAVID. THE PAPER SAYS THAT EGYPT AND ISRAEL MADE PROGRESS IN NARROWING THEIR DIFFERENCES AT END OF FOURTH DAY AT CAMP DAVID.

6. IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "WHAT PRICE ISRAEL'S SECURITY," JORDAN TIMES COMMENTS ON THE FALLACY OF SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR ISRAEL AND WONDERS WHETHER SECURITY MUST BE GUARANTEED AT THE COST OF INFLICTING MISERY UPON

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ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS. THE PAPER ADDS: "ARE NATIONS TO DIS-  
SOLVE AND SPRING UP IN ORDER TO SATISFY ISRAEL'S OVER-  
WEANING AMBITION FOR SECURITY?" THE EDITORIAL ADDS THAT  
THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ACTING AS THE GUARANTOR OF  
ISRAEL'S SECURITY FOR DECADES. THE PAPER CONCLUDES THAT  
. THIS IS WHY SADAT HAS KEPT TURNING TO UNITED STATES "AS  
PRECIATE THIS FACT AND ACT ACCORDINGLY AT CAMP DAVID, THEN  
THE WHOLE SUMMIT IS A FUTILE EXERCISE THAT IS DOOMED TO  
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